



The Catholic Community Newsletter of ST MARY'S, GRANTHAM

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10 th Week of Ordinary Time			Lectionary Year A1: Psalter Week 2	June
Saturday	10 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	M.I. David Pigott RIP (25th Anniversary) - Family
Sunday	11 th	9.30am	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST- CORPUS CHRISTI (SOLEMNITY)	M.I. Lucy Rooney RIP - Theresa Breen
Monday	12 th	N.P.S.		
Tuesday	13 th	6.00pm	Exposition	
		6.30pm	Benediction	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass Saint Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor (memorial)	M.I. Volunteers and Clients of The Passage
Wednesday	14 th	9.30am	Holy Mass Feria	M.I. Private Intentions Prince Harry - Slawek
Thursday	15 th	11.00am	Holy Mass Feria	M.I. Thomas Turbio Private Intentions - May Turbio
Friday	16 th	9.30am	Holy Mass THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (SOLEMNITY)	M.I. Phil and Hazel Fanshawe RIP- S. Fanshawe
Saturday	17 th	9.30am	Mass at HMP Whatton	
			Confessions – UP TO 15 minutes before Mass (please arrive early) or by appointment	
11 th Week of Ordinary Time			Lectionary Year A1: Psalter Week 3	June
Saturday	17 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	M.I. Canon Michael Bell Thanksgiving - Audrey Guy
Sunday	18 th	9.30am	Eleventh Sunday of the Year	M.I. Mrs Joyce Mary Kinder RIP - Jerry Kinder
N.P.S. – No Public Services				M.I. – Mass Intention

Dear Parishioners

Today's great Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) is an opportunity for us to reflect on the wonderful mystery of the Eucharist: the sacrament that nourishes our faith and gives life to the world. Each reading at Mass this Sunday offers an opportunity to pray about the significance of this gift, reminding us of the richness of the Eucharistic tradition in the Church. Moses recalls that though the people of God were hungry and thirsty in the wilderness, God never abandoned them (First Reading). Instead, he encouraged them to have faith in his continuing living presence. The Responsorial Psalm suggests many reasons to praise God, including both the material and spiritual nourishment that God offers us. Paul reminds the factious Corinthians of the profound spiritual significance of taking the body and blood of Christ. By participating in the Eucharist, they are uniting themselves to Christ and to the whole Christian

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community (**Second Reading**). In the **Gospel**, Jesus affirms that He is the bread of life: the very life force of God. Through his life, death and resurrection, Christ nourishes our deepest hunger for God. We draw life from him even as Jesus drew life from the Father. This week, let us pray for a deepening of Christian Unity and let us ask the Father that we may truly become one as followers of Christ.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi is the day on which our **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** publicly renew their commitment. I will invite those Extraordinary Ministers present at the Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday morning Mass this weekend to stand and to make their commitment after the distribution of Holy Communion. For those Eucharistic Ministers unable to be present at Mass this weekend you may make your commitment to me privately after one of the weekday Masses this coming week. Please just approach me in the sacristy before or after Mass.

First Holy Communion Mass: This coming **Saturday 17th June at 11 am**, our First Holy Communion Candidates will receive Holy Communion for the first time, at a special Mass celebrated by me here in the parish. Please keep them and their families and our parish catechists in your prayers during the coming week, as our young people prepare for this special day in their lives and in their journey of faith.

Tuesday 13th June - This Tuesday we welcome volunteers from Grantham Passage to our evening Mass at 7 pm. An opportunity for us as a parish community to offer Mass for the important work that they do as we pray that evening for all volunteers and clients, past and present. Following Mass, The Passage community will host a communal shared supper in the church hall.

Fr Jonathan Annual Leave: I shall **be away from the parish on annual leave from the afternoon of Sunday 18th June until Friday 7th July inclusive**. During my absence from the parish Monsignor John Hadley has kindly agreed to offer Mass cover at the weekends, and there will be no changes to the normal weekend Mass schedule, Saturday Vigil Mass at 6 pm and Sunday morning Mass at 9.30 am. On weekdays whilst I am away Mgr. Hadley will be celebrating **one Mass only each week. From Tuesday to Sunday during my absence the church will remain open during the day for private prayer.**

Mass Times During Fr Jonathan's Absence

Wednesday 21st June - *St Aloysius Gonzaga* – **9.30 am**.

Saturday 24th June - *12th Sunday of the Year* – **Vigil Mass 6 pm**

Sunday 25th June – *12th Sunday of the Year* – **9.30 am Mass**.

Thursday 29th June - *Saints Peter and Paul* – **11 am**.

Saturday 1st July - *13th Sunday of the Year* – **Vigil Mass 6 pm**

Sunday 2nd July - *13th Sunday of the Year* – **9.30 am**.

Wednesday 5th July – *Feria* – **9.30 a.m.**

I shall be back to celebrate the Sunday Masses for the weekend of 10th/11th July -14th Sunday of the Year - after which the normal weekday Mass schedule will resume.

My former lay chaplain from the University of Nottingham will be house sitting in the Rectory whilst I am away on my holidays. I am very grateful to him and to both Fr John and Andrew Wakley for their generosity and kindness in offering their practical help and support during my time away. Please be aware though that they all work full time, Andrew within his own business and Fr John as chancellor of the diocese. In the **case of an emergency during my absence please contact Andrew in the first instance** who will put you in touch with a priest. **For all other routine parish enquiries and non-emergencies**, I ask please that you **wait to contact me upon my return to the parish** when I will endeavour to respond to you as soon as possible upon my return.

New Boilers for the church and parish halls: I mentioned some months ago that we have been given permission by the diocese to commission and fit new boilers this summer. This is greatly needed as our present heating system has been “limping along” for many years now and our boilers are past repair. The cost of replacing our boilers is a major expense for our parish, and I am very grateful for the generosity of those parishioners who have contributed to the Boiler Fund and for two very significant bequests received, your generosity means that these much-needed works can now go ahead this summer in readiness for next winter. To avoid as little disruption to parish life as possible I have arranged with the company who will be carrying out the commissioning and installation works that this will be carried out and completed over five days during the week, from **Monday 17th July – Friday 21st July inclusive**. This means that during this period **the church and parish halls will need to remain closed to the General Public, and there will be no Public Worship, nor access allowed to the church buildings during this period.**

With my prayers for you and for your families during the coming week ahead.

Your parish priest and friend,

Fr Jonathan

The Passage is in need of new volunteers for our Wednesday teams. Can you spare 3 hours on a Wednesday once a month? Passage serves a cooked breakfast every Wednesday and Saturday morning to the needy and lonely in Grantham. It is a very worthwhile and rewarding vocation. If you would like to volunteer contact Stephen Cameron on 07795 481251 or at uncstebah@btinternet.com

On Tuesday June 13th at 7pm mass will be offered for all Passage volunteers past and present. All are welcome to attend and if you are considering becoming a new volunteer, we would love to welcome you. Mass is followed by a communal supper to which we all contribute a dish or two. Please let Stephen know if you are planning to attend so that we can prepare the menu. It is always a fun evening. It would be great to see you there.
Contact Stephen on 07795 481251
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REPOSITORY

Dear Parishioners

The Repository has a wonderful selection of gifts, prayer books and many religious items. We are constantly trying to source new keepsakes. First Holy Communion choice is very varied: numerous cards, missals, Mass books, rosettes, pocket tokens, rosaries, rosary bracelets to name but a few.

If you have any order requests, please contact us on 01476 562517.

Weekdays please pay using the new card system or the wall safe for cash.

Weekends stewards on duty will help you with your purchases.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Teresa & Richard

MASS INTENTIONS

We have spaces in our diary for anyone who wishes to have a Mass offered for a loved one, living or deceased. Please find Mass Intention envelopes in the entrance of the Church or speak to Fr Jonathan.

BAPTISM

If you are seeking to have your child baptised and are regularly attending Mass, please in the first instance speak to Fr Jonathan or Andrew after one of the weekend Masses.

You will need to fill in a Baptism form which can be downloaded from the parish website and once returned to them you will then be advised on how to take the next step.

Your Prayers are asked for those who are sick and housebound.

Werby McHugh, Eileen Scanlon, Brian Martin, Heather Mascott, John & Rosemary Ames, Bridie Tomlin, Ann McLarnon, Claire Johnson, Paul Lincoln, Helen Smith, George White, Dolores O'Keiffe, Marlene Bean, Graham Smith, Mary Walsh, Lesley Sanchez, Sadie Caplin, Edward Balys, Heather Whiting

If you cannot see your loved one's name on the sick list above, please provide their name and consent in writing or by email to be published in the newsletter online.

Second Collection:

17th and 18th June- DAY FOR LIFE

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

In England and Wales, **Day for Life** is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year, this year being Sunday 18th June. For the first time it will be celebrated in Scotland and Ireland on the same day.

The theme is ***Listen to Her*** and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others. The 2023 *Day For Life* message is unique in that the bishops have given it over to a Catholic woman who has had an abortion to share her experiences. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent in Church and in society. The hope is that this will help break this silence and offer further opportunities for healing and reconciliation.

LITTLE CHURCH

Children up to 7 years old have the chance to leave the church for the first part of the Sunday Mass for a short session prepared specially for them by our Catechists. Through gentle catechesis, creative input and simple prayer little children are helped to understand the message of the day's Gospel.

Little Church takes place on the following dates:

June 11th and 25th
July 9th and 16th

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This year marks the 650th anniversary of Julian of Norwich's 'Revelations of Divine love,' as relevant today as they were then. On Saturday 17th June from 10.30am- 4.00pm, a **Quiet Day reflecting on her Wisdom** will be held at the Diocesan Centre, Mornington Crescent, Mackworth, Derby, DE22 4BD. Tea and coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch. A donation of £10 (or whatever you can afford) is asked. To book email the Presentation Sisters at warsoppbvm@yahoo.com or telephone 01623 845091

Now Accepting Contactless Donations

You will find our **DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE**, contactless terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation, there are options for other church funds such as "General donation to the Parish / Repository/ Second Collection"

Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader.

You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%.

If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.

Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.

Gift Aid

Thank you to the many parishioners who gift aid their donations to the church. This brings in an extra amount of money for the parish without any extra cost to the donor.

However, if you cease to pay tax at any time, please let the gift aid co-ordinator know. If we claim gift aid on donations and subsequently learn that the donor is no longer a tax payer, we have to re-pay HMRC the amounts claimed.

If you would like any information on becoming a gift aider please contact Jennie on jennie.watson@dioceseofnottingham.uk or pick up a Gift Aid pack from church.

Are you a parent or carer of a school aged child? Would you like to know more about the Catholic faith? Why not join a programme that brings parents together from across the Diocese of Nottingham to do just that? Starting in the Academic Year 2023-2024 the Diocese of Nottingham will be offering **Belief in Brief**, a space twice every half-term for parents to meet online for an hour (just after school drop off) to explore a different aspect of the Catholic faith. Each session will have a short input followed by the opportunity to discuss this together and ask questions that you have. More information is on the poster at the noticeboard, and to book a place visit www.bookwen.com/nrcdes

A **qualified counsellor** is required for a Post-Abortion Support Group, which it is hoped to establish in the Nottingham area for women who are struggling after abortion. A qualified counsellor is required to facilitate the group, alongside a co-facilitator. The group will run once a month, for up to 10 months of the year. To find out more about what would be involved and the remuneration please email clare@archtrust.org.uk

An opportunity has arisen within the University of Loughborough Chaplaincy for a **University Lead Chaplain**. Loughborough University Chaplaincy is a multi-faith chaplaincy covering both the East Midlands and London campuses where all faiths are supported and encouraged. This is a full-time role, and you will be at the heart of shaping the future role and function of the Chaplaincy. There is an opportunity to take in a well-established team and together explore current best practice and then define it in fresh and innovative ways for the University and for the Higher Education sector. For more information contact Neil Budworth on 01509 222180 or n.budworth@lboro.ac.uk. The closing date for applications is 25th June, and the salary is £34k-£44k.



For more information contact Joe Hopkins
adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Family Mass and Celebration

Celebrating families across the Diocese of Nottingham
Principal Celebrant: Bishop Patrick McKinney



**FREE
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SATURDAY 24TH JUNE 3.00PM
MASS | BBQ | ENTERTAINMENT
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Leicester LE5 3HS

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